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HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
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Funding of Research
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to increase the funding of Research in Universities, particularly for social science resource;
(b) if so, the details thereof;
(c) whether the Government proposes to increase the amount of scholarship Junior Research Fellowship/Senior Research Fellowship (JRF/SRF);
(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;
(e) whether the Government has any mechanism to monitor the utilization of scholarships into productive research; and
(f) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
(Dr. MAHENDRA NATH PANDEY)
(a) to (d): No, Madam. There is no proposal under consideration by University Grants Commission (UGC) to increase the funding of research in Universities as it has already enhanced the amount of fellowships/scholarships by 55% with effect from 01.12.2014 including the amount of Junior Research Fellowship/Senior Research Fellowship. Revised rates of Fellowships/Scholarships amount for the scholars under various schemes are available at http://www.ugc.ac.in/pdfnews/6042860_Revised-rates-of-Fellowships.pdf
(e) & (f): To monitor the utilization of scholarships/fellowships into productive research, UGC has adopted the following mechanisms:
? The fellowship awardee is required to submit an electronic copy of his/her research work during the tenure of fellowship on the UGC- INFLIBNET repository.
? In case of post-doctoral fellowship and doctoral fellowship schemes, the last two instalments of fellowship will be disbursed only on submission of research work completed by the awardee on UGC-INFLIBNET repository.
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